

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln of: Thorsten Frank **Atty. Docket No.:** CFK005
Title: Combined Sensor And Heating Element
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 relate to the subject matter of the present invention and are brought to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.98.

The International Search Report dated March 14, 2005 issued in the priority International Application No. PCT/EP2004/012010 identifies three foreign references. The three foreign references are cited herein. In the event that the references are not in English, either an English counterpart or English abstract has been provided. Specifically for DE 41 10 702 A1, the first page of PCT/DE92/00263 is provided where DE 41 10 702 A1 is the priority application. For EP 1 209 026 A2, an English abstract is provided and for LU 90583 A, U.S. 6,906,293 B2 is identified.

This statement is being submitted prior to a first office action on the merits. While this statement contains all the relevant information presently known to the applicant, it should not be interpreted as a representation that an exhaustive search has

been conducted or that no other relevant information exists. Also, this statement should not be interpreted as a representation that any cited reference is prior art, or that any cited reference is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR ' 1.56. The applicant invites the Examiner to make an independent evaluation of each cited reference, copies of which are enclosed, to determine their relevance to the subject matter of the present application.

Finally, the applicant urges that the claims are patentable over the disclosed information.

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